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Preface

To those with an interest in the historical advancement of the Commonwealth an up-to-date listing of the historical societies and similar organizations is a constantly needed tool of reference. For many years the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies in large measure supplied this need through the publication of its *Yearbook*, the last of which was printed in 1955. It now appears that the Federation will be unable to continue this useful publication because of rising printing costs.

In view of the need for such a listing of historical organizations and of its own responsibility for the promotion of historical activities within the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has prepared this listing of historical organizations. It differs from the Federation *Yearbook* in presenting much briefer descriptions of the various societies and also in including organizations not affiliated with the Federation. On the other hand, because of the close association of the Federation with historical activities in Pennsylvania, all members of the Federation have been listed whether the organizations are strictly historical or not and whether (as in the case of the Pennsylvania Society and the Pennsylvania Historical Junto) they are located in or out of the State. An index of the organizations follows the listings.

In several instances, the questionnaire sent out was not returned. Wherever possible the information was supplied by the Commission staff from other sources. Corrections and additions to the present list will be welcomed. They may be directed to the Commission at the State Museum Building in Harrisburg.



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Descriptive List of Organizations

ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE Courthouse, Gettysburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Clarence D. Deardorff; *Secretary*, Mrs. Emma Sheffer; *Assistant Secretary*, Arthur Weaner. Address correspondence to the assistant secretary, P. O. Box 373, Gettysburg.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 700 volumes and includes local newspaper files since 1894 as well as genealogical material. Manuscripts include the Dr. Henry Stewart and W. W. Eisenhart collections. The museum has Civil War memorabilia and other objects related to the local area. Located in the basement of the courthouse, open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 7:00-8:00 p.m. Saturdays.

MEETINGS: Regular meetings on first Tuesdays of each month from October through April, and historical tours on the first Tuesdays in May and June.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

ALLEGHENY CITY SOCIETY Pittsburgh

OFFICERS: *President*, Frank A. Ogilvie; *Secretary*, Mrs. W. S. Bowser. Address correspondence to the secretary at Old Farm Road, Rosslyn Farms, Carnegie.

ACTIVITIES: Organized in 1958, has four meetings annually. No permanent headquarters, library, or museum as yet.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA 715 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 6

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend Bartholomew F. Fair; *Secretary*, Reverend Raymond J. Teller. Address correspondence to secretary at Society headquarters.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Located at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia 31. Library has more than 5,000 volumes including largest collections of American Catholic books and of Catholic newspapers. Open daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS: Meetings held on third Thursday of each month at Society headquarters on Spruce Street.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia*, quarterly; *The Society Bulletin*, a bimonthly newsletter.

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, THE
1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia 45

OFFICERS: *President*, Walter G. Nord; *Secretary*, Melford O. Anderson; *Director*, John H. Wilkens. Address correspondence to the director at Foundation headquarters.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has more than 9,000 volumes relating to Swedish American contributions to American life and includes a file of all Swedish American newspapers and of Swedish magazines of interest. Manuscript holdings include the John Ericsson Collection (9 cu. ft.). The Foundation operates the American Swedish Historical Museum featuring displays on New Sweden, Swedish contributions to American culture, and special collections on Fredrika Bremer, Jenny Lind, John Ericsson, and others. Open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in June.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Yearbook* and *Newsletter*.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE
Kittanning

OFFICERS: *President*, James Henry; *Secretary*, Miss Carolyn W. Titzell. Address correspondence to secretary at 701 North McKean Street, Kittanning.

ACTIVITIES: Meetings are held semiannually. Society has no building or other facilities and no publications program.

BEAVER COUNTY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
Old Economy, Ambridge

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. W. W. McKinney; *Secretary*, Miss Marjorie Ferguson. Address correspondence to Society at Old Economy.

MEETINGS: Society has recently been inactive.

BEDFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
West Penn Street, Bedford

OFFICERS: *President*, Fred S. Samuel; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Miss Elizabeth Madore. Address correspondence to secretary at the Society.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Society has no building. Historical papers are in special alcove of Bedford Community Library. Society is responsible for exhibits in Fort Bedford Museum, a replica of Fort Bedford.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in May. No publications at present, though one is projected.

BERKS COUNTY, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF 940 Centre Avenue, Reading

OFFICERS: *President*, Earle M. Frankhouser, Sr.; *Secretary*, J. Roy Oberholtzer; *Director*, Mrs. LeRoy Sanders. Address correspondence to director of the Society.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: The Society has a fine library which includes files of Reading newspapers and a considerable number of manuscript records, particularly business records. The museum includes many objects of interest but is particularly strong in material on early iron industry. Library and museum are open 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed first two weeks in August.

MEETINGS: An annual lecture series is held during the fall and winter, and a pilgrimage and tour during the fall.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Historical Review of Berks County*, quarterly.

BLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Baker Mansion, Altoona

OFFICERS: *President*, Jesse L. Hartman; *Secretary*, J. J. Hauser. Address correspondence to secretary at 2616 Fifth Avenue, Altoona.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes bound newspaper collections dating back to 1831; there is also an important collection of manuscript material on the Allegheny Portage Railroad. The Baker Mansion is the mansion of a 19th-century ironmaster, which houses the museum collections. These include displays and objects relating to the Pennsylvania Canal, the Portage Railroad, and other aspects of local history. Open 1:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays from June through October.

MEETINGS: Quarterly meeting at Penn Alto Hotel.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Past and Present*, an occasional bulletin.

BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Court Street, Towanda

OFFICERS: *President*, E. Hale Coddington; *Consulting Director*, Dr. Catherine McCann. Address correspondence to the president at the Society.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Located in historical building behind courthouse. Hours uncertain pending appointment of a permanent director.
MEETINGS: Annual dinner meeting in spring.
CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Settler*, a quarterly.

BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE
Pine and Ashland Streets, Doylestown

OFFICERS: *President*, Franklin C. Wood; *Secretary*, Charles M. Meredith, Jr.; *Director*, Jack C. Potter; *Librarian*, Mrs. Paul Niemeyer. Address correspondence to the director at the Society.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes numerous volumes on history, genealogy, and early technology. Bound volumes of local newspapers dating back to 1804. Important manuscript collections include Fackenthal Papers (2 cu. ft.), W. W. H. Davis Collection (4 cu. ft.), George McReynolds Collection (2 cu. ft.), and Samuel Hart Collection (2 cu. ft.). The Mercer Museum includes tools, implements, and machinery of the period before steam power and features an outstanding collection of stove plates. Library is open 10:00 a.m.-5:00-p.m. Monday through Friday; the museum for the same hours Monday through Saturday, and, from April through October, on Sunday afternoons 1:30-5:30 p.m.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting on first Saturday in May; fall meeting on last Saturday in September; four special meetings or tours as announced.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Historian*, issued quarterly.

BUTLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Courthouse, Butler

OFFICERS: *President*, Campbell J. Brandon; *Secretary*, Mrs. J. Robert Rodgers. Address correspondence to secretary at Box 88, Slippery Rock.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Society has no building as yet, but has file of county newspapers dating from 1824.

MEETINGS: Society was newly incorporated in 1960. Meetings are held on fourth Friday of each month from September through May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A quarterly mimeographed bulletin is projected as soon as organization is completed.

CAMBRIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE
122 East High Street, Ebensburg

OFFICERS: *President*, R. F. Pruner; *Secretary*, James T. Sheep; *Curator*, Miss Edna Lehman. Address correspondence to president at P. O. Box 539, Johnstown.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 500 volumes and a file of Ebensburg newspapers dating back to 1830. Museum includes representative collection of historical items. Open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

MEETINGS: Semiannual meetings.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CAMERON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Courthouse, Emporium

OFFICERS: *President*, C. E. Koppenheffer; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr. J. Francis O'Malley. Address correspondence to secretary at P. O. Box 87, Emporium.

LIBRARY: Society has miscellaneous materials stored in two filing cabinets in courthouse. No special quarters are assigned.

MEETINGS: Meetings are held quarterly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, THE

Pittsburgh

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to 3378 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh 14.

CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bellefonte

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary*, Miss Elizabeth Morrow, State College.

CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

225 North High Street, West Chester

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Arthur E. James; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Dorothy B. Lapp; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Elizabeth L. Matlat; *Director*, Bart Anderson. Address correspondence to Society at its headquarters.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Reference library in the Society headquarters contains a large collection of books and pamphlets on Pennsylvania and local history, antiques, etc. The library has files of county newspapers dating back to 1808. Manuscripts include tavern papers (1700-1880), assessment lists (1715-1860), diaries, family papers, etc., among

which are Darlington Family Collection, Pennypacker Collection, Dr. William Darlington Collection, and others. The museum in the same building features early industries, furniture, china, minerals, country store, colonial kitchen, etc. The library and museum are open 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday. Closed Sundays, holidays, and month of August.

HISTORIC HOUSES: The David Townsend House, 225 North Matlack Street, West Chester, is furnished with Classical and Empire items from Society collections. The 1704 Brinton House, a quarter-mile south of Dilworthtown on old West Chester-Wilmington Pike, is furnished as of about 1750. Both houses are open April 1 to November 30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m. except for holidays. From December 1 to March 31 they are open by appointment only. There is an admission fee of fifty cents.

MEETINGS: Meetings are held monthly from September through May at the Society building.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CLARION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE Courthouse, Clarion

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend Dr. James Wallace Fraser; *Corresponding Secretary*, Merle B. Eberlin; *Financial Secretary*, Bird E. Riley. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at 64 North Filth Avenue, Clarion.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes books and pamphlets on local history and genealogy. Museum has objects illustrating life of early settlers. Housed in two rooms in courthouse. Open 2:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

MEETINGS: Regular meetings on second Tuesdays of February, June, and October; historical pilgrimage in summer.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 121 East Market Street, Clearfield

OFFICERS: *President*, Judge John J. Pentz; *Secretary*, John B. Gates. Address correspondence to the secretary at County National Bank Building, Clearfield.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Now under development at new headquarters of Society.

MEETINGS: Two or three public meetings a year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ross Public Library, Lock Haven

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, J. Ira Brown, Jersey Shore.

COLONIAL DAMES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE

1630 Latimer Street, Philadelphia 3

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Walter Penn Shipley, Jr.; *Secretary*, Mrs. E. Mortimer Newlin. Address correspondence to Mrs. George C. Deniston at Society headquarters.

LIBRARY: Library is restricted to members only.

HISTORIC HOUSE: Stenton Mansion, built in 1728 by James Logan, and located at 18th and Courtland Streets, Philadelphia 40, is operated by the Society. Open 2:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

MEETINGS: Monthly meeting at Society building October through May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Sophie H. Drinker, *Hannah Penn and the Proprietorship of Pennsylvania* (1958).

COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA—CHAPTER II

Lemon Hill Mansion, East River and Sedgely Drives, Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Hubert A. Jordan; *Secretary*, Miss Dorothy Wurts. Address correspondence to the president at Buttonwood Road, Berwyn.

MUSEUM: The Lemon Hill Mansion is furnished with period furniture and objects. Open 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thursdays.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

COLONIAL PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Miss Maureen Murdoch; *Secretary*, Miss Constance M. Bacon; *Treasurer*, Philip M. Smithers. Address correspondence to the treasurer at 135 South Broad Street, Philadelphia 9.

MEETINGS: Six general meetings annually and a social meeting in June.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

COLONIAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *Governor*, Frederick Hemsley Levis; *Secretary*, H. Durston Saylor, II. Address correspondence to secretary at 1700 Girard Trust Building, Philadelphia 2.

MEETINGS: Three or four meetings per year at various places.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Annual yearbook.

COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 353 College Hill, Bloomsburg

OFFICERS: *President*, C. Harold Banks; *Executive Secretary*, Edwin M. Barton; *Librarian*, Miss Mary E. Brower; *Custodian*, Mrs. John Shigo. Address correspondence to executive secretary at P. O. Box 475, Bloomsburg.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 500 volumes on Pennsylvania and local history, and includes some early county newspapers and approximately 3 cu. ft. of manuscripts. Museum has Indian artifacts and objects of early pioneer life. Open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, other times by appointment.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in Bloomsburg, one meeting in Berwick, and two others in different communities of county each year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Columbian*, a mimeographed pamphlet series begun in 1960.

CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Public Library, Meadville

OFFICERS: *President*, James R. Shryock; *Secretary*, Miss Beatrice B. Cotton. Address correspondence to secretary at Public Library, Meadville.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Large collections of books and pamphlets on Pennsylvania and local area. Collection of local newspapers dates from 1805. Approximately 7 cu. ft. of manuscripts including Dick Collection (1809-1868). Museum contains objects relating to the history of the area. Both are located on second floor of Public Library and are open 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

MEETINGS: Meetings held monthly September through May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, THE HAMILTON LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle

OFFICERS: *President*, Allen D. Thompson; *Secretary*, D. W. Thompson. Address correspondence to secretary at Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 3,000 items on Pennsylvania and local history and includes a nearly complete collection of local newspapers from 1789 to present with gap from 1792 to 1798. Manuscripts total approximately 36 cu. ft., but are not arranged for use. Museum has important collection on Carlisle Indian School, the A. A. Line Collection of photographic prints and negatives, and other items of interest. Open 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

MEETINGS: Meetings usually held monthly except for December, January, June, July, and September. This includes annual banquet and annual summer outing.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Robert G. Crist, *Captain William Hendricks and the March to Quebec (1775)*. Published in 1960.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS, FORT LE BOEUF CHAPTER OF

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Regent*, Mrs. Helen W. Schluraff, 12 West 8th Street, Erie.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF 219 South Front Street, Harrisburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Merlo M. Hartzell; *Secretary*, Edward Faulkner; *Curator*, Mrs. John Tillman. Address correspondence to curator at Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes approximately a thousand volumes and has a significant bound collection of local newspapers. There are important manuscript collections including Simon Cameron Papers, Bucher Papers, John Elder Papers, Joseph Wallace Papers, Kelker Collection, and DeWitt Collection. The Society is housed in the John Harris Mansion, built by John Harris, Jr., and onetime home of Simon Cameron, which has many displays of furnishings and other historical objects. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

MEETINGS: Meetings are held on third Monday of each month except July and August.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Dauphin County Historical Review*, published annually.

DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Old Courthouse, 410-412 Market Street, Chester

OFFICERS: *President*, George Plowman; *Secretary*, Newlin P. Palmer;

Curator, Mrs. Elsie M. Jones. Address correspondence to the secretary at P. O. Box 418, Chester.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has a fine collection on local history and genealogy. Museum has many objects relating to local history. Open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Saturday.

MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of each month, except July and August.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Quarterly *Bulletin of the Delaware County Historical Society*.

DONEGAL SOCIETY, THE

Donegal Presbyterian Church, Donegal

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary-Treasurer*, Maurice N. Bailey, 49 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy.

DONORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Donora

OFFICERS: *President*, Stephen McPherson; *Secretary*, Mrs. Peter P. Polachek. Address correspondence to the secretary at 37 Second Street Ext., Donora.

MEETINGS: First Tuesday of each month, October through July.

EDGEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Edgewood

Questionnaire not returned. Correspondence since 1955 has been addressed to the *President*, Kenneth B. Dickson, 227 Oakview Avenue, Pittsburgh 18.

ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Old Custom House, 407 State Street, Erie

OFFICERS: *President*, Miss Nina Blakeslee; *Executive Secretary*, Mrs. Frances Epp. Address correspondence to executive secretary at Society building.

LIBRARY: Collection of books, deeds, documents, and newspapers relating to Erie County. Open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MEETINGS: Quarterly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Erie County Historical Primer*, occasional.

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE

Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

FORT HUNTER, FRIENDS OF

North River Road, Harrisburg

OFFICERS: *President*, George L. Morrison, Jr.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Howard M. Herre; *Executive Director*, Mrs. Chester M. Sheffer. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at R. D. 2, Harrisburg.

MUSEUM: The Fort Hunter Museum is housed in a mansion on site of Fort Hunter, 1755-1757. Mansion dates from 1787 (rear) and 1814 (front). It is furnished with period furniture and there are other historical objects on display. Open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

FORT LE BOEUF HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Judson House, Fort Le Boeuf Memorial, Waterford

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Miss Ethel Irvin, 30 West 7th Street, Waterford.

FORT WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

Clifton House, Fort Washington

OFFICERS: Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the Society at the address shown.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: These are located in the Clifton House at Fort Washington State Park.

MEETINGS: Monthly except during July and August.

FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA, THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF Philadelphia

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary*, Charles Evans Emes, Jr., 2230 Cross Road, Glenside.

FRANKFORD, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

1505-1507 Orthodox Street, Philadelphia 24

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Walter M. Benner; *Secretary*, Mrs. Stanley F. Horn. Address correspondence to the secretary at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 3,500 volumes on genealogy, local history, and Lincoln, a collection of local newspapers since 1850, and a miscellaneous collection of manuscript materials on local history. Museum features Indian relics, china, glass, and other objects. Open 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of each month, October through May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Richmond P. Miller; *Secretary*, Dorothy G. Harris. Address correspondence to the secretary at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in Eleventh Month at Philadelphia and a historical pilgrimage in Fifth Month.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Bulletin of Friends Historical Association*, semiannually.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE

1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia 7

OFFICERS: *President*, Norman J. Greene; *Secretary*, Reverend Carl T. Smith. Address correspondence to the Society.

LIBRARY: A large collection of printed and manuscript family genealogies and of wills, deeds, and similar records. Open 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, annually.

GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

5214 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44

OFFICERS: *President*, The Honorable Harold D. Saylor; *Vice President and Secretary*, Captain Edmund A. Crenshaw, Jr. Address correspondence to secretary at 519 Pelham Road, Philadelphia 19.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes a large number of volumes on early Germantown history, a nearly complete file of Germantown newspapers, and various manuscript materials. Museum includes china, glass, furniture, tools, weapons, and other objects relating to Germantown history. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Germantown Crier*, a quarterly. *Early Germantown* and *A Brief Account of the Battle of Germantown*, pamphlets published in 1959.

GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

North Morgan Street, Waynesburg

OFFICERS: *President*, A. E. Moredock; *Secretary*, Mrs. Ralph W. Clark. Address correspondence to secretary at Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 3,500 volumes, principally on Greene County and western Pennsylvania, fairly extensive file of Greene County newspapers, and extensive genealogical files. Museum has many Indian artifacts and historical objects and photographs relating to the area. Open 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

MEETINGS: Semiannual.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Havertown

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary*, William J. Laramy, Haverford Township Junior High School, Darby Road, Havertown.

HISTORY ROUND TABLE, THE

117 Sparks Building, University Park

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to organization at address shown.

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE

Philadelphia

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Thomas Roberts White, Jr., 1038 Public Ledger Building, Philadelphia 6. The Society publishes its *Proceedings* annually.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

McMurtrie Mansion, Huntingdon

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, John W. Swigart, Swigart Associates, Huntingdon. Society operates a library and museum, but apparently has no publication.

INDEPENDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia

Questionnaire not returned. Correspondence may be addressed to the *President*, Edwin O. Lewis, 1500 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 2.

INDIANA COUNTY, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF

Memorial Hall, Indiana

OFFICERS: *President*, James G. Kehew; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. William Bowman; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Beatty Dimit, Jr.; *Curator*, Blaine Helman. Address correspondence to president at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 1,600 volumes, primarily on Pennsylvania and local history and genealogy. There are 150 bound volumes of Indiana newspapers dating back to 1879. A museum is being developed. Open 1:30-4:00 p.m., 6:30-9:00 p.m. Tuesdays, September through May.

MEETINGS: Monthly at Society building except for June and July. Annual tour in June.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A bimonthly mimeographed *Newsletter*.

JUNIATA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Port Royal

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend Eugene H. McCahan; *Secretary*, Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin. Address correspondence to the president at Port Royal.

MEETINGS: Quarterly at different towns within the county.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

KING OF PRUSSIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

King of Prussia

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Robert D. May; *Secretary*, Mrs. James Rice. Address correspondence to the president at 115 Bloomingdale Avenue, Wayne.

MUSEUM: Old Roberts School on Croton Road, to be opened in 1961.

MEETINGS: Four to eight a year at various places.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *King of Prussia Gazette*, a quarterly.

KITTOCHTINNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chambersburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. R. G. Mowrey; *Secretary*, C. E. Adams. Address correspondence to secretary at 23 West Third Street, Waynesboro.

MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesday of each month except July and August.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton 10

OFFICERS: *President*, Daniel W. Williams; *Secretary*, Miss Dorothea E. Mattes. Address correspondence to secretary at Society building.

ACTIVITIES: Society has library and museum but no current publications program. Details are not available since questionnaire was not returned.

LANCASTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Willson Memorial Building, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

OFFICERS: *President*, Samuel C. Slaymaker II; *Secretary*, John Ward Willson Loose. Address correspondence to secretary at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library of 7,000 volumes on local and state history, biography, and genealogy. Newspaper collections give a rather complete coverage from 1785 to 1900. Manuscript holdings total about 80 cu. ft. and include the Sener, Adam Reigart, Lancaster Turnpike, and Heinitsh collections. Museum includes paintings, dioramas, and exhibits relating to domestic and industrial development of the region. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

MEETINGS: Monthly, October through May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A quarterly, *Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society*.

LEBANON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sixth and Walnut Streets, Lebanon

OFFICERS: *President*, Jean E. G. High; *Secretary*, Miss Helen M. Sprecher. Address correspondence to the secretary at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library of approximately 3,000 volumes. Microfilm collection of local newspapers available from 1844. Manuscript collections include Krause Papers and Coleman Family Business Papers relating to iron furnaces at Cornwall and other enterprises. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Mondays.

MEETINGS: Bimonthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

LEHIGH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE

Trout Hall, Allentown

OFFICERS: *President*, William J. Wilcox; *Secretary*, Melville J. Boyer.

Address correspondence to secretary at 2933 Liberty Street, Allentown.
LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has 4,200 volumes, 1,800 pamphlets, and 200 bound volumes of local German newspapers. No significant manuscript holdings. Museum includes colonial furniture, Indian artifacts, and other historical objects. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays or by appointment.

HISTORIC HOUSES: The 1756 Troxell-Steckell Manor at Egypt is open to public on Saturdays and Sundays. The George Taylor House at Catasaqua, built in 1768, is undergoing restoration before being opened to the public.

MEETINGS: Dinner meeting in January, annual meeting in April, pilgrimage in October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Proceedings of the Lehigh County Historical Society*, a bound volume. Vol. XXII published in 1958, Vol. XXIII in 1960.

LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE Ashbridge House, Rosemont

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Douglas Macfarlan; *Secretary*, Dr. Edward H. Snow. Address correspondence to secretary at 153 Grandview Road, Ardmore.

LIBRARY: Approximately 200 volumes, includes many maps of local interest.

MEETINGS: Fall, winter, and spring.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

Questionnaire not returned. Address mail to the *Curator*, Professor Theodore G. Tappert, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 19.

LYCOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 900 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

OFFICERS: *President*, Frank W. Brunner; *Secretary*, Miss Margaret C. Horn. Address society at 905 West Third Street, Williamsport.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library in storage while being cataloged. Manuscripts are stored and unavailable for use. Museum includes outstanding displays on lumbering. Open 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sundays, September through April.

MEETINGS: Monthly, October through March.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A semiannual bulletin.

McKEAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Courthouse, Smethport

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, C. W. Lillibridge, at Smethport. Details on facilities, meetings, and publications are not known.

MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SOCIETY OF

Philadelphia

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to J. Howe Adams, IV, Howell Road, Malvern.

MERCER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Magoffin House, 119 South Pitt Street, Mercer

OFFICERS: *President*, Albion Bindley; *Secretary*, Miss Helen Reed; *Curator*, Miss Rachel Davis. Address correspondence to the curator at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes microfilm of census records and newspapers, also manuscripts relating to local area. Museum has Indian artifacts and other displays relating to area history. Open 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Fridays.

MEETINGS: Three public meetings yearly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

MIFFLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Municipal Building, Lewistown

OFFICERS: *President*, Garver M. McNitt; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. Martin Stroup; *Librarian-Curator*, Mrs. J. Martin Stroup. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at 53 North Pine Street, Lewistown.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has 1,500 volumes and includes local newspaper files since 1824. Museum has military and naval items, photographs, and other objects of local historical interest. Open 7:00-9:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

MEETINGS: Two or three annually.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None since 1958.

MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ninth and Main Streets, Stroudsburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. John C. Appel; *Corresponding Secretary*,

Mrs. Nathan Meyer. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at 205 Analomink Street, East Stroudsburg.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 800 cataloged volumes and 1,500 pamphlets, in addition to bound volumes of local newspapers since 1840. There are also manuscript materials relating to local history and genealogy. Museum includes Indian artifacts, furniture, tools, and other objects. Open Tuesday afternoons, January through April or by appointment.

MEETINGS: Annual dinner meeting and summer pilgrimage.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A newsletter for members.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF 1654 DeKalb Street, Norristown

OFFICERS: *President*, Honorable David E. Groshens; *Secretary*, Miss Eva G. Davis; *Director*, Mrs. LeRoy Burris. Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 15,000 books and pamphlets on history and genealogy. There are files of Norristown newspapers dating from 1799, and there are some 500 cu. ft. of manuscript records including assessment records, dockets, ledgers, letters, scrapbooks, account books, etc. The museum has Indian artifacts, firearms, fine furniture, and portraits. Open 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Saturday.

MEETINGS: Meetings are held in February, April, and November and a historical pilgrimage in October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: The semiannual *Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County*.

MONTOUR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1 Bloom Street, Danville

OFFICERS: *President*, Colonel A. LeRoy Wintersteen; *Secretary*, Miss Julia Warner. Address correspondence to the president at 709 Bloom Street, Danville.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library devoted to local history and museum to a display of local historical objects. Open 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays from May to October.

MEETINGS: Four times a year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE

210 East Center Street, Nazareth

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend John R. Weinlick; *Secretary*, William H. Kortz; *Librarian and Curator*, Reverend Edward H. Swavely. Address correspondence to the librarian and curator at 206 East Center Street, Nazareth.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 5,000 volumes on Moravian history and a collection of church records. The museum features portraits of church leaders, original religious paintings, Moravian arts and crafts, and old musical instruments. Both are open daily.

MEETINGS: Quarterly meetings in January, April, July, October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: An annual volume of *Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society*, which includes papers on Moravian history.

MUNCY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

40 North Main Street, Muncy

OFFICERS: *President*, Eugene P. Bertin; *Corresponding Secretary*, Marshall R. Anspach. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at 1200 Campbell Street, Williamsport.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library includes volumes on genealogy and local history. There are files of the Muncy *Luminary* from 1841, a microfilm copy of some 10,000 documents of the Samuel Wallis Papers, and manuscript records regarding churches, cemeteries, and canals, and the Dr. W. F. Wagner Papers on Revolutionary pensions. The museum has a large collection of Indian artifacts, medical and farming implements, and Eagles Mere glass. Open by appointment only; caretaker lives in house immediately north of building.

MEETINGS: Third Friday of each month from October through April.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Now and Then*, a quarterly publication.

NEW HOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE

New Hope

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Arthur J. Ricker; *Secretary*, John Rankin. Address correspondence to the president at 36 South Main Street, New Hope.

MUSEUM: The Society is engaged in restoring the Benjamin Parry house and barn on Cannon Square in New Hope. The barn opened in May, 1960. It houses exhibits of historical objects and paintings.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Justin Herman, *This Is New Hope*.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AND
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

101 South Fourth Street, Easton.

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Mrs. Charles P. Maxwell, 322 Spring Garden Street, Easton. Society has library and museum. No regular program of publications exists at the present time.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunbury

OFFICERS: *President*, John H. Carter; *Secretary*, Charles F. Snyder. Address correspondence to the secretary at 1019 Susquehanna Avenue, Sunbury.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Some 1,800 volumes of the library are housed on third floor of the Public Library on Arch Street; a file of 14,000 issues of local newspapers is now in storage as are the museum collections.

MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of each month, October through May in Priestley Memorial Unitarian Chapel.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: The annual *Proceedings and Addresses*.

OLD YORK ROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Abington Library, Jenkintown

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. William Henry Gleysteen; *Secretary*, Elwood C. Parry, Jr. Address correspondence to the secretary at Fleck Industries, Inc., West Avenue, Jenkintown.

LIBRARY: Includes books and some manuscripts kept in Abington Library.

MEETINGS: Three times a year at Grace Presbyterian Church, York Road at Vista, Jenkintown.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Old York Road Historical Society Bulletin*, XXI (1960).

PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY, SOCIETY FOR

OFFICERS: *President*, John A. Zakucia; *Secretary*, Vincent R. Mrozowski. Address correspondence to the secretary at 407 Phillips Street, Aliquippa.

MEETINGS: Annually at various locations.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*, a quarterly bulletin.

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, THE

State Museum Building, Harrisburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Stanton Belfour; *Executive Secretary*, Dr. S. K. Stevens. Address correspondence to executive secretary, P. O. Box 969, Harrisburg.

MEETINGS: Annual meetings held during May or June either at Harrisburg or, more recently, at University Park.

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF JUNIOR HISTORIANS

State Museum Building, Harrisburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Frank Stever; *Secretary*, Mary Costello; *Federation Chairman*, Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg, State College, East Stroudsburg; *Executive Secretary*, Mrs. Autumn L. Leonard. Correspondence should be addressed to the executive secretary at the State Museum Building, Harrisburg.

MEETINGS: There are nearly 120 chapters which meet mostly during school year. Annual meeting held in rotation at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg.

PENNSYLVANIA FOLKLORE SOCIETY

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Charles C. Elmers; *Secretary*, Miss Ester Mattson. Address correspondence to the president at Country Club Lane, Pittsburgh 15.

MEETINGS: Spring meeting in Harrisburg; fall meeting at Pittsburgh or Philadelphia alternately.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Keystone Folklore Quarterly*, a mimeographed bulletin with articles.

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY

OFFICERS: *President*, J. Stewart Heilman; *Secretary*, Professor Ralph C. Wood. Address correspondence to the secretary at 213 Station Avenue, Coopersburg.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in May at a selected site.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: The *Publications of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society* are usually issued on an annual basis. The most recent, Volume XXIII for 1958 and 1959, is Donald A. Shelley's *Fraktur: The Pennsylvania German Style of Illumination*. Volume XXIV (*Pennsylvania German Barns* by Preston A. Barba) and Volume XXV (*The Amish, Past and Present* by Grant M. Stoltzfus and Elmer L. Smith) are in preparation.

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN SOCIETY

Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Homer T. Rosenberger; *Secretary*, Reverend Thomas R. Brendle; *Administrative Secretary*, Professor Kenneth D. Longsdorf. Address correspondence to administrative secretary at Society headquarters.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Manuscripts are housed in Bassler Collection of the College Library; the museum objects are displayed by the College's North Museum. Open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. weekdays and 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sundays.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Milton Rubincam and Thomas R. Brendle, *William Rittenhouse and Moses Dissinger, Two Eminent Pennsylvania Germans* (1959), Volume LVIII of the *Society Proceedings*.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

State Museum Building, Harrisburg

Chairman, Frank W. Melvin, Philadelphia; *Executive Director*, Dr. S. K. Stevens. Address correspondence to Commission headquarters in Harrisburg.

ACTIVITIES: The Commission as the official historical agency of the Commonwealth is charged with numerous responsibilities. It operates the State Museum and the Pennsylvania Farm Museum as well as more than twenty historical properties including Pennsbury Manor, Daniel Boone Homestead, Ephrata Cloister, Old Economy, and Drake Well Park; it carries on programs of research and publications in history and archaeology; it operates the State archives; it erects and maintains historical markers; and it co-operates with historical societies and other organizations in advancing interest in and knowledge of Pennsylvania's historical heritage.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

University Park

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. James A. Barnes; *Secretary*, Dr. Ari Hogenboom. Address correspondence to the secretary, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Pennsylvania History*, the quarterly journal, and a series of *Pennsylvania History Studies*, pamphlet studies of special aspects of Pennsylvania history.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL JUNTO

Washington, D. C.

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary*, George P. Speidel, 2205-40th Place, N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

PENNSYLVANIA, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia 7

OFFICERS: *President*, Boyd Lee Spahr; *Director*, Dr. Richard N. Williams, II, Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: The library has approximately a half-million books, pamphlets, and periodicals, including an almost complete set of the Poor Richard Almanacks, the Cassel Collection of Pennsylvania German imprints, the Charlemagne Tower collection of colonial laws, etc. The newspaper collection numbers more than 5,000 volumes dating back to 1728. The manuscript collection is one of the most important in the United States consisting of more than four and a half million items (see the 1949 *Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania*). The print collection numbers more than 20,000 items, including a thousand water colors by D. F. Kennedy of Philadelphia buildings. The museum holdings include a fine collection of portraits and memorabilia of Penn, Franklin, Washington, Lincoln, and others. Open 1:00-9:00 p.m. Mondays, and 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Closed on national holidays and during the month of August.

MEETINGS: The Society sponsors a lecture program and has special exhibits of its prints and paintings.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, a quarterly.

PENNSYLVANIA POETRY SOCIETY, THE

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Cecilia Parsons Miller; *Secretary*, Mrs. Eunice Pond LaSelle. Address correspondence to the president at 264 Walton Street, Lemoyne.

MEETINGS: Semiannually in Harrisburg.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Prize Poems for 1959* and *Prize Poems for 1960*.

PENNSYLVANIA SCOTCH-IRISH SOCIETY

Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, John R. Young; *Secretary*, Thomas S. Weary.

Address correspondence to the secretary at 1617 Land Title Building, Philadelphia 10.

MEETINGS: An annual dinner meeting.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Minutes of annual dinner meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY (OF NEW YORK), THE

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York 22, N. Y.

OFFICERS: *President*, Benjamin F. Fairless; *Secretary*, Edward J. Bach. Address correspondence to the secretary at Suite 594, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

MEETINGS: Annual luncheon and dinner.

PERRY COUNTY, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

129 North Second Street, Newport

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Lt. Col. Edward L. Holman, Carson Long Institute, New Bloomfield.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: These are housed in the Society headquarters, the Louise Beard Memorial. There are a file of newspapers, 1820-1836, and many Indian artifacts.

PHILADELPHIA, CITY HISTORY SOCIETY OF

Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Joseph S. Hepburn; *Recording Secretary*, William F. Boehner, Jr.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Sara Binder Moore. Address correspondence to corresponding secretary at 4261 East River Drive, Philadelphia 29.

MEETINGS: Four times a year, usually at the Atwater Kent Museum.

PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LANDMARKS

244 South Third Street, Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Frederick H. Levis; *Secretary*, Symington P. Landreth. Address correspondence to the secretary at 1404 Girard Trust Building, Philadelphia 2.

HISTORIC HOUSES: The Powel House, 244 South Third Street, and Grumblehorpe, 5267 Germantown Avenue, are restored colonial buildings operated by the Society. They are open 10:00-5:00 p.m. weekdays.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in January.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

PIKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Milford

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to Miss Frances Hankins, Delaware Valley Joint Schools, Milford.

PIONEER RIVERMEN, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF

Sewickley

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Frederick Way, Jr., 121 River Avenue, Sewickley.

POTTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

308 North Main Street, Coudersport

OFFICERS: *President*, Archibald P. Akeley; *Secretary*, Mrs. Mary E. Welfling. Address correspondence to the secretary at Coudersport.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has small collection of books but good local newspaper files dating back to 1848. Museum includes historical objects and pictures relating to the county. Open 2:00-4:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

MEETINGS: Held quarterly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

POTTSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 509, Pottstown

OFFICERS: *President*, Richard H. Scheffey; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Robert G. Welles; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Helen V. Purnell. Address correspondence to the president at 783 North Charlotte Street, Pottstown.

LIBRARY: Small, for use of members.

MEETINGS: Three annually, in September, January, and May.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

520 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend Maurice W. Armstrong; *Acting Secretary*, William B. Miller. Address correspondence to the acting secretary at Society headquarters.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 90,000 volumes including special collections on early European and American imprints before 1800, John Calvin, hymnology, etc. Manuscript collections

total approximately 450,000 letters of which 250,000 are microfilm letters of Board of Foreign Missions, 1833-1910. Other special manuscript groups are the John D. Shane (1716-1860) Collection (5,000 items), the Jackson Collection (8,000 items), American Indian Correspondence (14,000 letters), Domestic Mission Correspondence (50,000 letters), and various journals and diaries. The museum includes paintings, communion tokens, communion silver and pewter ware, and other objects. Open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

MEETINGS: Held twice annually, in March and October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*, a quarterly.

RADNOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Finley House, Beech Tree Lane and Bellevue Avenue, Wayne

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. Caroline Robbins; *Secretary*, Francis James Dallett. Address correspondence to the secretary at The Slope, St. Davids.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Book collection of approximately 100 volumes is housed in Radnor Township Library. The museum objects, particularly old photographs, are maintained in the headquarters building as are various deeds and other manuscripts totaling about 3 cu. ft.

MEETINGS: Four regular meetings each year and a visit to historic houses in October.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Annual Bulletin*.

ST. MARYS AND BENZIGER TOWNSHIP, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

St. Marys

OFFICERS: *President*, Charles J. Schaut; *Secretary*, Mark Lenze. Address correspondence to the president at 406 Chestnut Street, St. Marys.

ACTIVITIES: Meetings are held quarterly. The Society is newly organized and has not yet acquired permanent quarters or begun a publications program.

SCHURZ, CARL, MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 6

OFFICERS: *President*, Harry W. Pfund; *Secretary*, Hanns Gramm; *Director*, George Hanstein. Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library specializes in books and catalogs relating to Americans of German descent. The manuscript collection

includes the Carl Schurz correspondence and diaries of early immigrants. There are monthly art exhibits.

MEETINGS: Held monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The American German Review*, published bimonthly.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

14 North Third Street, Pottsville

OFFICERS: *President*, David B. Baird; *Secretary*, F. W. Stoffler; *Treasurer*, Herrwood E. Hobbs. Address correspondence to the treasurer at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has about 2,000 volumes on local and state history and an excellent collection of bound local newspapers since 1825. The manuscripts include Christopher Loeser Papers, 1789-1880 (6,800 items), Edwin Owen Parry Papers (800 pieces), Daniel Yost Collection (400 items), George C. Wynkoop Papers, and others. Manuscripts deal with legal matters, land, lumbering, mining, labor, the Civil War, etc. A large collection of photographs is included. The museum contains historical household, Civil War, and industrial objects of local interest. Open 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

MEETINGS: No regular schedule.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None at the present time.

SCHWENKFELDIAN EXILES, SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

Pennsburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Wilbur C. Kriebel; *Secretary*, Andrew S. Berky. Address correspondence to the secretary at Pennsburg.

MEETINGS: Held annually.

SHIPPENSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Shippensburg

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *President*, Mr. S. L. Daihl, 603 East Orange Street, Shippensburg.

SNYDER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Selinsgrove

OFFICERS: *President*, Ellis E. Ferster; *Secretary*, E. L. Swartzlander. Address correspondence to the secretary at 224 East Main Street, Middleburg.

LIBRARY: Approximately 500 volumes and a large collection of pamphlets. Some newspaper files of county papers. Housed in Susquehanna University Library and can be seen only on special request.

MEETINGS: Frequency varies, held at various places in the county.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Snyder County Historical Society Bulletin*, printed annually.

SOMERSET COUNTY, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF

Somerset

OFFICERS: *President*, Eber Cockley; *Secretary*, Robert M. Keim. Address correspondence to the secretary at Box 533, Somerset.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library housed at 230 South Rosina Avenue. It contains books on local history and genealogy and county newspaper files dating back to 1845. A museum is planned. Open 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturdays.

MEETINGS: Held semiannually.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Laurel Messenger*, a quarterly.

SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE CASSELMAN VALLEY, THE

Springs

OFFICERS: *President*, Evan J. Miller; *Secretary*, Miss Maude Smalley; *Executive Director*, Dr Alta Schrock. Address correspondence to the executive director, care of Penn Alps, Inc., Grantsville, Maryland.

MUSEUM: Located in the Butcher House one and a quarter miles east of Springs, it is a folk museum devoted to portraying the life of the early German settlers of Casselman Valley, including both the plain sects and the church groups. Open May 15 to November 15 on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None except leaflets for museum.

SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Laporte

OFFICERS: *President*, Elden E. Ehrhart; *Secretary*, Mrs. K. G. Shelley. Address correspondence to the secretary at Forksville.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Near courthouse in Laporte. Includes some newspaper files and manuscripts of local interest. Museum features

historical tools and handicrafts of the area. Open every Saturday during summer; otherwise by appointment.

MEETINGS: At least four times a year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Library Building, Montrose

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the Society at Montrose.

SWEDISH COLONIAL SOCIETY, THE Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *Governor*, C. Colket Wilson, Jr.; *Treasurer*, Charles Newbold Welsh, Jr. Address correspondence to the governor at 1 North Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia 7.

MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month from October through May.

TIOGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OFFICERS: *President*, Edwin A. Glover; *Secretary*, Mrs. G. Morris Thompson. Address correspondence to the president at Knoxville, Tioga County.

MEETINGS: Held semiannually at Wellsboro and elsewhere in the county.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: No publications program at present.

TITUSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Titusville

OFFICERS: *President*, Herbert E. Varnum; *Secretary*, Frances Fleming. Address correspondence to the president at Second National Bank Building, Titusville.

The Society is now inactive.

TREDYFFRIN-EASTTOWN HISTORY CLUB Berwyn

OFFICERS: *President*, Franklin W. Wandless; *Secretary*, Mrs. Emily J. Peirce. Address correspondence to the secretary at 817 Old Lancaster Road, Berwyn.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Tredyffrin-Easttown History Club Quarterly*.

TRI-STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

West Chester

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Leon Malleliou; *Secretary*, Mrs. Hillery Fox. Address correspondence to the secretary at 424 Price Street, West Chester.

MEETINGS: Three times a year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg

The Society is now dormant. Address correspondence to Herbert H. Schmidt, Librarian, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

VALLEY FORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Valley Forge

OFFICERS: *President*, Reverend John Robbins Hart; *Secretary*, Mrs. Sydney J. Wallace; *Curator*, Lloyd Eastwood-Seibold. Address correspondence to the secretary at the Society in Valley Forge.

MUSEUM: Has more than 1,000 pieces relating to Valley Forge and the encampment. Open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. weekdays and 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

MEETINGS: Four times annually.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Picket Post*, a quarterly.

VENANGO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Franklin Library Building, Franklin

OFFICERS: *President*, William K. Bowen; *Secretary*, Mrs. Gage W. Allam. Address correspondence to the secretary at Box 573, Franklin.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Located on third floor of Franklin Library. Collection includes about 600 volumes on New England and Pennsylvania genealogy and regional history. Open 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturdays.

MEETINGS: Monthly, alternately at Franklin and Oil City.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE SOCIETY OF THE

Philadelphia

OFFICERS: *President*, Martin W. Clement; *Secretary*, Francis Shunk

Brown, 3rd. Address correspondence to the secretary at 254 Suburban Station Building, Philadelphia 3.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in February; other meetings in May and September. Board meets in June and December.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: Annual *Yearbook*.

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Courthouse, Warren

OFFICERS: *President*, Dr. William M. Cashman; *Secretary*, Mrs. Robert H. Israel. Address correspondence to the secretary at P. O. Box 11, Warren.

LIBRARY: Library has good collection of local newspapers dating from 1828. There are ten four-drawer filing cabinets of manuscripts including early courthouse papers, the Bonner Collection, the Clemens Collection, the F. B. Miller Collection, the Falconer Collection, the John Hamilton papers, and miscellaneous letters and diaries. Open 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

MEETINGS: Four or five annually.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Stepping Stones*, a quarterly.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

49 East Maiden Street, Washington

OFFICERS: *President*, Mrs. Frank M. Wallace; *Secretary*, Mrs. W. A. H. McIlvaine. Address correspondence to the secretary at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 2,000 volumes on Pennsylvania and local history and genealogy. Newspaper files begin as early as 1817. Manuscripts include some of the original county records of Virginia courts in southwestern Pennsylvania, a few letters of U. S. Grant and other material. The museum includes oriental objects in the Captain McGiffin Collection, Indian artifacts, and historical objects relating to the area.

MEETINGS: Society holds two meetings a year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

810 Main Street, Honesdale

OFFICERS: *President*, Henry G. Soete; *Secretary*, Mrs. Charles T. Bentley. Address correspondence to the secretary at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library emphasizes local history and genealogy. Newspaper files include papers dating back to 1832; manu-

scripts are varied and relate to local area. The museum features displays on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, the gravity railroad, the glass industry, and objects of local interest. Open 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays in the summer. Closed on Fridays.

MEETINGS: Two open meetings are held each year.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF 4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh 13

OFFICERS: *President*, Charles A. McClintock; *Secretary*, Dr. C. W. W. Elkin; *Director*, Robert D. Christie. Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: The Library has a large collection of volumes on the history of western Pennsylvania and has many bound volumes of early newspapers. Manuscripts include the papers of John Covode, Harmar Denny, John Harper, William J. Holland, Albert J. Logan, Dunning McNair, James O'Hara, John and William Thaw, and many others. There are also records of the Harmony Society, the Spang, Chalfont Company, and other firms. The museum includes displays of firearms, portraits, furniture, and a notable collection of early glass. Open 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Saturdays. Closed on holidays and during the month of August.

MEETINGS: Monthly meetings, October through April.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, a quarterly journal.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY Pittsburgh

OFFICERS: *President*, J. Carter Robinson; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Florence Ball-Jones. Address correspondence to the corresponding secretary, 7402 Susquehanna Street, Pittsburgh 8.

ACTIVITIES: This newly organized society is devoted to locating and disseminating historical material related to the role of the Negro in the history of Pittsburgh. First begun as a bicentennial project, it is now a permanent organization, meeting on the first Saturday of each month, except July and August.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *The High Point*, a pamphlet chronicling landmarks in the life of the Negro community in Pittsburgh.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Greensburg

OFFICERS: *President*, Calvin E. Pollins; *Secretary*, Frances D. Pollins.
Address correspondence to the president at Commercial National Bank Building, Latrobe.

LIBRARY: Devoted to local history and genealogy. Housed in the Westmoreland County Museum of Art, North Main Street, Greensburg. Open 2:00-10:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sundays. Closed Monday and most of August.

MEETINGS: Held quarterly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
West Overton

OFFICERS: *President*, Buell B. Whitehill; *Secretary*, R. W. Westerman. Address correspondence to the secretary at 303 North Chestnut, Scottdale.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Library has approximately 2,000 volumes. The museum proper is located in a gristmill-distillery built in 1853. It features Indian artifacts, glassware, chinaware, and farm and domestic tools.

HISTORIC HOUSES: The Society is housed in the "Historical House" at West Overton, built in 1838 by Abraham Overholt. Adjacent to this building is a small stone cottage, the birthplace of Henry Clay Frick. Open 2:00-5:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June through October.

MEETINGS: Annual meeting in June at West Overton, spring and fall meetings at varying places in the area.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: None.

WOMAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pittsburgh

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Secretary*, Mrs. R. J. Shea, R. D. 1, Coraopolis.

WOMAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Affiliated with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh 13

Questionnaire not returned. Address correspondence to the *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. A. Park Dibler, 1202 Maple Avenue, Turtle Creek.

WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

69 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre

OFFICERS: *President*, Major Bruce Payne; *Secretary*, J. Campbell Collins; *Director*, vacant. Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Approximately 15,000 volumes on New York, New England, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania history and genealogy in addition to material on archaeology, geology, and mining. There is nearly a complete file of German and English language newspapers of the area. There are approximately 400 cu. ft. of manuscript records including the following collections: Piollet, Charles Miner, John Sullivan, William Plunket, Zebulon Butler, Isaac Chapman, H. M. Hoyt, E. L. Dana, Samuel and Thomas Meredith, Timothy Pickering, Hendrick B. Wright, and Susquehannah Company (photostats). There are also many account books, diaries, land records, business records, and letters. The museum includes displays on local history, archaeology, and natural history, with changing exhibits on special topics. Open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

HISTORIC HOUSE: The Swetnam Homestead, 885 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, is maintained as a museum and is open to visitors from May to September.

MEETINGS: Annual business meeting in February; monthly programs, October through June.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: A mimeographed newsletter issued five times a year.

YORK COUNTY, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

250 East Market Street, York

OFFICERS: *President*, William S. McClellan; *Secretary*, E. Eugene Shelley; *Director*, Daniel R. Porter III. Address correspondence to the director at the Society building.

LIBRARY: Has approximately 15,000 books, 1,000 volumes of bound newspapers (mostly local), 300,000 frames of microfilm, 300 maps, a theatrical collection, genealogical collections, an iconographic collection, and the Lewis Miller collection of sketches. Manuscript materials include local family papers, business records, and miscellaneous material. Open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

MUSEUMS: The museum at the Society headquarters has 30,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space and features life-sized village square (8 units), a diorama of Centre Square, nine period rooms, the 1804 Tannenberg organ, and exhibits on York County history, natural history, and archaeology. The Laucks Farm and Craft Museum operated by the

Society at Red Lion has 20,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space in four buildings, and 5,000 items for exhibit.

MEETINGS: Monthly.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS: *Through Historic York* (1959), a guidebook to the city.

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